

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

The examiner has rejected claims 1-24 under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) as being anticipated by Guedalia, U.S. Patent No. 6,356,283. Applicant submits that some of these claims are patentable, particularly some dependent claims if rewritten in independent form, however, applicant believes that prosecution will be more efficient if all original claims are cancelled and new claims 25 - 41 are presented for allowance.

Guedalia teaches a method of serving an image file embedded in an HTML page. The image file is subdivided into regions, which may be selected for display in windows of the HTML page. The method taught in Guedalia is significantly different from the claimed invention in that Guedalia requires the overhead of an HTML file and the restrictions of various windows that occupy valuable display space. Also, Guedalia teaches only spatial subdivision of an image file because the methods taught in Guedalia employ JPEG files that are not interleaved in a progressive order, which allows parsing and indexing of the image to divide the image by resolution, quality, region-of-interest and other aspects.

New claim 25 comprises the element of "parsing said initial part" of an image file "to identify any additional parts that may be needed to render a selection of said image file." Guedalia does not teach this parsing element. Claims 26-32 are dependent on claim 25 and contain the same novel and non-obvious elements therein. Accordingly, claims 25-32 are believed to be patentable in their current form.

New claim 33 comprises an equivalent parsing element, also not taught in the prior art. Accordingly, claim 33 is believed to be patentable in its current form.

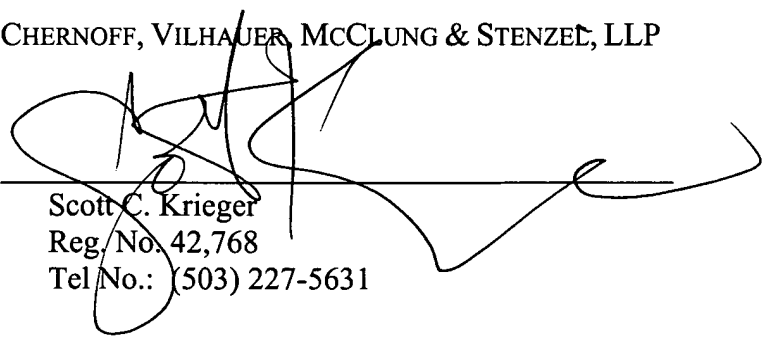
New claim 34 comprises the element of "reading an image index file" associated with an image file, wherein the index file comprises a map of components of the image file. This index file is not taught in Guedalia or other prior art. New claims 35-40 are dependent on claim 34 and contain the same novel and non-obvious elements therein. Accordingly, claims 35-40 are believed to be patentable in their current form.

New claim 41 comprises the element of "a parser for parsing said initial part" of the image file. A parser and the act of parsing part of an image file to determine whether additional parts are needed to render a specific portion of the image file is not taught in Guedalia or other prior art references. Accordingly, claim 41 is believed to be patentable over the prior art.

In light of the arguments above, all claims are considered to be novel, non-obvious and patentable in view of the cited art. Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner promptly allow these claims and proceed with issuance of this application. The Examiner is invited to contact applicant's attorney directly for any reason.

Respectfully submitted,

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